EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
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Diversity Visa 2015 Outreach

The DV entry period is from October 1 at 18:00 local time in Albania (12:00 Eastern Daylight Time, U.S.), and continues until November 2, at 17:00 (12:00 Eastern Daylight Time, U.S.). No entries will be accepted after 17:00 Albanian local time on November 2. There is **NO FEE** to enter. Visa fees are paid only by those selected and are paid on the day of the interview.

Apply at www.dvlottery.state.gov to register for participation in the Diversity Program. Rules and instructions in Albanian language are published on the U.S. Embassy's website: albanian.tirana.usembassy.gov/dv.html. Before entering for the DV program, qualification requirements, such as education *or* work experience, should be met. The requirement for a high school education that is equivalent to a high school education in the United States is very strict, and the qualifying professions for which work experience may be used to qualify are limited. Your qualifications are not reviewed before the interview, so being selected in the lottery does not always mean that you will be found qualified.

Those wishing to apply for the DV-2015 should keep in mind the following rules:

- Enter only once during a year.
- Principal applicant should include the spouse and dependents under 21 in his entry. Please include adopted children and children from previous marriage.
- To qualify for the Diversity Visa, the principal applicant should have completed a full time high school. Correspondence or part time education, including 5-year part time high school education is not sufficient to qualify. Vocational high schools qualify under very limited circumstances.
- If during the interview in the Consulate, it is discovered that the principal applicant has entered multiple times (during a year), or if she/he has not included a dependent, the applicant will be disqualified, even if she/he is selected for the DV, and even if she/ he has paid the visa fee.
- After a successful DV registration, a Confirmation Number will show up on the screen of the computer.
- **The Confirmation Number should be kept at least until June 30, 2015!** The **Confirmation Number is the sole means of** informing you of your selection for DV-2015, providing instructions to you on how to proceed with your application, and notifying you of your appointment for your immigrant visa interview. No selectees will be notified through mail or e-mail. Beginning May 1, 2014, DV-2015 entrants will be able to use their unique confirmation number provided at registration to check the online Entrant Status Check at http://www.dvlottery.state.gov to see if their entry was selected.

The U.S. Consular Section reminds you that:

- Only Internet sites that end with the ".gov" domain suffix are official U.S. government websites. Individuals should be careful to not be a victim of websites or e-mails that advertise the Diversity Visa and that ask for money for that service.

- Entrants should apply early. In the past, late registration has caused heavy system demand which prevented some entrants from registering for the program.
- Entrants may prepare and submit their own entries or have someone submit the entry for them. Regardless of who submits the entry, the person entering remains responsible for ensuring that all information is correct and complete.
- The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy has no role in the selection process for the DV. A computer-generated, random drawing chooses selectees for DVs at the Kentucky Consular Center in the USA.

*Diversity Visa can be a tremendous opportunity for those who are selected – please read the rules and, if you qualify, enter online at **www.dvlottery.state.gov** between October 1st and November 2nd. Good luck!*